CYCLONE RELIEF—PARTICULARS REGARDING

100. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to give a short account of the work done by the Diwan Peishkar for Cyclone Relief, with particular reference to the following.—

(*a*) *Free grant subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 to poor people*; the number of persons and the total amount disbursed;

(*b*) *Loans for constructing houses*; the number of persons and the total amount disbursed;

(*c*) *Agricultural Loans*; the number of persons and the total amount disbursed;

(*d*) *Land revenue remissions*; the number of persons to whom remissions were granted and the total amount of remissions;

(*e*) Is it not a fact that more liberal land revenue remissions were granted in the Malabar District and the Parur Taluk in Travancore?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: For a short account of what the Diwan Peishkar did for Cyclone Relief, please see copy of his report No. R1-2774/17, dated 1st December 1941 placed on the table.

(*a*) 42,680 persons, Rs. 1,38,924—10—0.

(*b*) 3,972 persons, Rs. 1,20,545—0—0 up to 4th July 1942.

(*c*) 3,381 persons, Rs. 1,54,628 up to 4th July 1942.

(*d*) The amount remitted comes to approximately Rs. 65,000. The final figures are not yet available pending preparation of the detailed remission accounts and their scrutiny by the Diwan Peishkar. So also the number of people eligible for the remission.

(*e*) No, if account is taken also of the intensity of the damages caused by the cyclone, the periods taken for comparison and the price of cocoanuts prevailing at the time when the remission was announced.

101. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not the practice when disbursing loans, etc., from the Government that payment is made to parties in the immediate presence of the officer empowered or authorised to disburse the loan;

(*b*) whether the Tahsildars were not the officers who were authorised to disburse the Cyclone Relief Loans in 1117;

(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the Diwan Peishkar has satisfied himself that the Tahsildars who disbursed the loans referred to in (*b*) have discharged their duties according to the instruction;

(*d*) whether payment of cyclone relief loans was made to parties at Chundal village office on 29th Edavam 1117 and at Palanji village office on 30th Edavam 1117;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, the amounts disbursed at each station and the number of parties to whom payment was made on each date;

(*f*) who made the payments referred to in (*d*) and (*e*);

(*g*) whether the Tahsildar, Talappalli has drawn T. A. in respect of journeys to Chundal and Palanji on dates referred to in (*d*);

(*h*) whether loans disbursed on the above dates were actually paid by the Tahsildar;

(*i*) whether Government have received any complaint to the effect that the Tahsildar has not attended the payment and parties were put to loss and inconvenience at the hands of Revenue Subordinates in the absence of the Tahsildar, who is responsible for the payment;

(*j*) whether the Tahsildar, Talappalli has refunded the T. A. drawn by him for the days referred to in (*d*), if so, when was it refunded;

(*k*) was it on receipt of information that a complaint has been received in this matter by the higher authorities;

(*l*) will Government further be pleased to print and place on the table of the House (1) extracts of the diary of the Tahsildar, Talappalli for 29th and 30th of Edavam 1117 (2) extracts of his T. A. bill particulars relating to those dates (3) extracts of the Tahsildar's report regarding the refund and (4) extracts from the chalan refunding the drawn T. A. by the Tahsildar as to why the refund was made?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

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(*c*) The Diwan Peishkar was under the impression that the Tahsildars did their duty.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 29th Edavam 1117, Rs. 1,690 to 60 persons at Chundal. 30th Edavam 1117, Rs. 300 to 7 persons at Palanji.

(*f*) At Chundal, the Special Loan Revenue Inspector. At Palanji, the Revenue Inspector, Kunnamkulam firka.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) A complaint was received that the Tahsildar drew T. A. without going to the places concerned.

(*j*) Yes; on 16th Mithunam 1117.

(*k*) The Diwan Peishkar has no information.

(*l*) * Extracts are placed on the Council table.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)* : Who is that Tahsildar ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Mr. G. Krishna Ayyar.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : When was the complaint received ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : On the 27th June 1942 or 11th Mithunam 1117.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know whether investigations were made with regard to that complaint. I presume that it is to the Diwan Peishkar that the complaint was made.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : Yes. I got the thing on 11th Mithunam 1117 and I sent it to the office. When the question was received I made enquiries. I found that no action has been taken by the office. I called for the explanation and this is the reply that I got from the office in the form of a note. "This was misplaced and was received in section A1 on 19th Kumbham 1117 and no action was taken on this anonymous letter." It is not an anonymous letter. It is signed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : May I know, Sir, whether the Diwan Peishkar has condoned his action in the matter ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : How it happened is like this. Probably he may have received some information that such a petition was presented to me and I found that two or three days afterwards that he sent a report saying that "I have wrongly claimed this T. A. The mistake was done by the office. The clerk simply wrote the bill on referring to the tour diary".

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)* : Is it not possible that a tour programme might have been drawn up for travelling and owing to circumstances he omitted to go and the clerk without knowing that and without any intentional malpractice drew it up ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The rule is at the beginning of the month he must draw up a tour programme and submit it to the Diwan Peishkar so that he may know at what places he would be found. The clerk probably looking into that drew up, the Bill and then he drew the amount. On that particular date he was called for some war work and he went to that place, but he omitted to notice that when he signed the bill.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : He said.—

"29th Edavam 1117—Vadakkancheri to Choondal and back—Relief loan payment—Distance travelled by road entitling to daily allowance 24 miles.

30th Edavam 1117—Vadakkancheri to Palanji and back—Relief loan payment—Distance travelled by road entitled to daily allowance. 36 miles."

This is the extract from the diary as well as the T. A. Bill.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The clerk thought that in accordance with the original programme he went to those places.

Mr. President : I may inform the House that this has come to my notice and I will look into the matter thoroughly.

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE—PENALTY FOR

102. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)* : Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a rule in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, by which the penalty for a student's absence without leave is fixed as the loss of attendance for two days ? And if the answer is in the affirmative will Government kindly state whether the rule obtains in the Colleges of the Madras City, and the Colleges in Trichinopoly ?

* Appendix III

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APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to question No. 101)

Extracts

(1) 29th Edavam 1117—Went to Choondal-Disbursed cyclone relief loans-Returned.

(1) 30th Edavam 1117—Went to Palanji-Disbursed cyclone relief loans-Returned.

(2) 29th Edavam 1117—Vadakkancheri to Choondal and back-Relief loan payment. Distance travelled by road entitling to daily allowance 24 miles. 30th Edavam 1117—Vadakkancheri to Palanji and back-Relief loan payment-Distance travelled by road entitling to daily allowance 36 miles.

(3) Subsequent to the submission of my rotation list for the month of Edavam 1117 payment of Cyclone relief loans was proposed to be made from camps Choondal and Kattakampal

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on the 29th and the 30th. This deviation was noted in the copy of the rotation list kept by me for purposes of reference.

Under urgent instructions from the War Publicity Officer, I had to go to Trichur on 27th Edavam 1117. On that day, I had to perform an anniversary. It was not therefore possible for me to attend to the papers received by me from the Taluk on the evening of the 26th, since it was my intention to attend to the papers of the 26th on the afternoon of the 27th. It was late when I returned on the 27th. Very early in the morning of 28th Edavam 1117, I had to go to Kunnamkulam, Palanji and Kattakampal and convene meetings of prominent gentlemen of the locality to arrange for a presentation of a purse when the Diwan camped at Kunnamkulam. It was fast 10 O' clock at night when I returned on 28th Edavam 1117. The accumulation of papers received from the Taluk on the evening of the 26th, 27th and the 28th was so great that I thought it more prudent to attend to them on the 29th, especially since there were many urgent papers among them. I, therefore, asked the Special Revenue Inspector to disburse the loans from Camp Choondal on 29th Edavam 1117 so that the villagers may not go disappointed. On 30th Edavam 1117, there was very urgent work to be attended to in the Taluk office. There were only two or three cases of loan to be disbursed from Camp Kattakampal on 30th Edavam 1117. This work was therefore entrusted to the Revenue Inspector, Kunnamkulam.

The Diary for the month of Edavam was written up with reference to the rotation list and the deviations noted in the copy kept by me on the night of 32nd Edavam 1117. The T. A. claimed for these two days has been refunded.

I beg to add further that on 25th Edavam 1117 I had been to Palayannur to check and sign the village accounts after the inspection of the records by the Taluk clerks in connection with the Jamabandi. As stated above, the journey performed on 28th Edavam 1117 was to Kunnamkulam, Palanji and Kattakampal for which I am entitled to claim mileage. By a mistake again the journey to Palayannur on 25th Edavam 1117 was omitted to be noted in the diary. The journey to Palanji and Kattakampal via Kunnamkulam on 28th Edavam 1117 was inadvertently noted as one performed from Vadakkancheri to Palayannur.

I regret very much the mistakes made.

(4) Name of remitter.—Tahsildar of Talappalli

On what account: T. A. claimed by mistake on 29th & 30th Edavam 1117. Refunded Amount Rs. 4.
Chalan No. 281 dated 16th Mithunam 1117 of Talappalli Treasury.

APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to Question No. 102)

Serial No.	Name of College	Penalty fixed for absence without leave
1	Women's Christian College, Madras	No penalty fixed
2	Pachaiyappa's College, Madras	Loss of two days' attendance for one day absence.
3	The Presidency College, Madras	Each day's absence without leave will be counted as two, or will render the student liable to a fine, at the option of the Principal.
4	Queen Mary's College, Madras	If a student does not apply for leave a fine of 2 annas per day is levied until the leave application slip is presented.
5	Government Muhammadan College, Madras	Usually a student who absents without leave loses two days' attendance. The Principal has the power to levy a fine as a substitute for this penalty. Usually this fine is not more than 8 annas per day.

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